



National Weather Service

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January 1996

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Killed	Number of Persons Injured	Estimated Damage Property	Estimated Damage Crops	Character of Storm
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ILLINOIS, South

ILZ075-080>082-084>086-088>094 Jefferson - Perry - Franklin - Hamilton - Jackson - Williamson - Saline - Union - Johnson - Pope - Hardin - Alexander - Pulaski - Massac

02 1000CST 2300CST 0 0 Winter Storm

A major winter storm affected parts of southern Illinois. Snowfall amounts increased from south to north, with up to 8 inches reported at Mount Vernon. Warmer temperatures closer to the Kentucky border resulted in a mixture of precipitation types. Only an inch of snow was measured in northern Pope County, less than 20 miles from the Ohio River. Benton reported 5 inches, Anna had 3 inches, and Pinckneyville reported 4 inches. In the most affected areas, including Mount Vernon, hotels were booked with holiday travelers seeking to avoid dangerous travel conditions. In Jefferson County alone, 36 weather-related accidents occurred, none with serious injuries. A school bus carrying 30 students slid into a ditch, but nobody was hurt. Most schools cancelled classes the following day. Gusty winds and very cold temperatures hampered snow removal efforts. Winds gusted to 25 MPH with temperatures in the teens.

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06 0400CST 2300CST 0 0 Winter Storm

A moderate snowfall, averaging 3 to 4 inches, affected all of southern Illinois. Strong gusty winds piled the dry, powdery snow into waist-high drifts in some spots. This contributed to dozens of auto accidents, including a van that slid into a guard rail on Interstate 57 near Mount Vernon. Several people were injured in this mishap. A man in Benton suffered a fatal heart attack while he was shovelling snow. Five people were treated for slip-and-fall injuries, including three fractures. The deep drifts were over car roofs in open farm country of one southeast Illinois county. Several vehicles became stuck. State Highway 161 was reduced to one lane of travel in spots due to drifts.

Alexander County
5 W Tatumville

18 0940CST 0 0 Thunderstorm Wind
Two trees down.

Union County
2 S Anna

18 0945CST 0 0 5K Thunderstorm Wind
Power poles were broken.

Pulaski County
1 SE Wetaug

18 0955CST 0 0 10K Thunderstorm Wind
A machine shed was blown across a road. Debris from the shed damaged a house trailer.

Massac County
3 E Brookport

18 1008CST 0 0 40K Thunderstorm Wind
At least five buildings, mostly barns, were damaged or destroyed.

Johnson County
.5 S Vienna

18 1015CST 0 0 Thunderstorm Wind
Trees and power lines were down near Vienna.

Pope County
.2 W Homberg

18 1017CST 0 0 Thunderstorm Wind
Trees were down on power lines.

Saline County
.2 N Raleigh

18 1030CST 0 0 20K Thunderstorm Wind
A barn was blown down near Raleigh.



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ILLINOIS, South

Hardin County

.5 N Rosiclare	18	1030CST			0	0	5K	Thunderstorm Wind
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A trampoline was blown into power lines.

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Pope - Hardin - Pulaski - Massac

26	1000CST			0	0	5K	Flood
31	2359CST						

The Blizzard of '96 that fell in New England and the Mid-Atlantic around the 6th began to melt towards the middle of the month, sending a flood wave down the Ohio River. This in turn sent backwater up many of the smaller rivers that feed into the Ohio. The lower Ohio River crested 3 to 5 feet above flood stage. At Lock and Dam 52 near Brookport, IL, the river crested at 43.8 feet on the 31st. Flood stage there is 37 feet. Most of the flooding was confined to bottomlands. Portions of Fort Massac State Park were underwater, including some roads and recreational equipment.

KENTUCKY, Southwest

KYZ001>013

Fulton - Hickman - Carlisle - Ballard - Mccracken - Graves - Livingston - Marshall - Calloway - Crittenden - Lyon - Trigg - Caldwell

02	1700CST			0	0		Snow
	2300CST						

A minor snowfall between 1 and 3 inches occurred during the evening. There were several accidents and a couple of minor injuries.

KYZ001>013

Fulton - Hickman - Carlisle - Ballard - Mccracken - Graves - Livingston - Marshall - Calloway - Crittenden - Lyon - Trigg - Caldwell

06	0400CST			0	0		Winter Storm
	2300CST						

A weekend snowstorm dumped from 3 to 6 inches over far western Kentucky. The lightest amounts, near 3 inches, were west of Paducah. Amounts increased toward the east and south, with 6 inches measured at Princeton, Fulton, Murray, and Mayfield. Paducah reported 4 inches of dry powdery snow. Strong gusty north winds up to 30 MPH piled the snow into deep drifts. A few rural roads drifted shut in spots. In Trigg County, snow removal equipment got stuck several times in waist-high drifts. In Crittenden County, the rescue squad freed a family whose vehicle was stranded in snow drifts for three hours. Drifts up to 3 feet deep occurred in Graves County. The Kentucky State Police handled 74 accidents over the weekend in far western Kentucky. Road crews were hampered by strong winds causing blowing and drifting of the snow. Salt was relatively ineffective due to frigid temperatures in the single digits at night. Most schools remained closed until Wednesday or Thursday following the weekend storm. On the evening prior to this snowstorm, a dusting of snow caused icy patches on Interstate 24. The result was 20 accidents on the interstate alone, including a fatality near Eddyville. The fatality involved a Japanese woman whose vehicle struck a state police cruiser at the scene of a different accident.

Fulton County

Cayce	18	0925CST			0	0	5K	Thunderstorm Wind
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An awning was blown off and a 4 foot diameter tree was blown over.

Hickman County

4 E Clinton	18	0940CST			0	0	10K	Thunderstorm Wind
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A loaded cattle truck was overturned. A barn in the same area was blown over.

Ballard County

.5 NW La Center	18	0942CST			0	0	3K	Thunderstorm Wind
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Six roofs were damaged in and around La Center.



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<u>KENTUCKY, Southwest</u>									
Carlisle County 2 ESE Cunningham	18	0955CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind
Trees were blown down. Some fell on wires.									
Graves County 2 W Symsonia	18	1010CST			0	2	60K		Thunderstorm Wind
Three mobile homes were blown over and a roof was blown off. Two female occupants of one of the mobile homes were injured. Elsewhere across northern parts of the county, trees were blown down, and minor damage was done to awnings and outbuildings.									
Mccracken County 4 SE Paducah	18	1010CST			0	0	50K		Thunderstorm Wind
A barn and a shed were destroyed, a front porch was blown away, and 15 to 20 trees were downed									
Livingston County .5 W Ledbetter	18	1010CST			0	0	20K		Thunderstorm Wind
A roof was blown off an auction barn. A nearby house was partially unroofed.									
Mccracken County .5 S Paducah to .5 SE Paducah	18	1012CST 1015CST	1	50	0	2	75K		Tornado (F1)
A weak, short-lived tornado associated with a line of thunderstorms caused damage to two businesses. Most of the damage was to an auto body shop, which was destroyed. Two workers who were inside received minor cuts and bruises. A large window of a business next door was shattered. A stone pallet four feet high was moved.									
Calloway County .5 SE New Concord	18	1020CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (50)
Many trees were blown down.									
Crittenden County 3 SW Marion	18	1030CST			0	0	10K		Thunderstorm Wind
Six buildings sustained roof damage.									
Lyon County 1 W Eddyville	18	1030CST			0	0	6K		Thunderstorm Wind
Shingles were blown off 5 buildings near Eddyville and Kuttawa.									
Marshall County 5 NE Benton	18	1032CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (50)
Trees were downed in several areas around the county. Winds were estimated between 55 and 60 MPH.									
Trigg County 1.5 NE Cadiz	18	1040CST			0	0	10K		Thunderstorm Wind
A dugout, ticket office, and bleachers were damaged at a recreational facility.									
Caldwell County 1 E Fredonia	18	1040CST			0	0	4K		Thunderstorm Wind
Shingles were blown off 5 buildings.									
KYZ004>005-007-010 Ballard - Mccracken - Livingston - Crittenden	26 31	1000CST 2359CST			0	0	5K		Flood
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KENTUCKY, Southwest

lower Ohio River crested 3 to 5 feet above flood stage. At Paducah, where the flood stage is 39 feet, the river reached 42.0 feet on the last day of the month. Portions of the riverfront park at Paducah were underwater. Most of the flooding was confined to bottomlands.

MISSOURI, Southeast

MOZ076-086>087-100-107>111

Perry - Bollinger - Cape Girardeau - Wayne - Carter - Ripley - Butler - Stoddard - Scott

02	0800CST 2200CST	0	0				Winter Storm
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A mixture of winter precipitation types over southeast Missouri resulted in very hazardous driving conditions. Snowfall amounts increased from southeast to northwest, with amounts up to 6 inches over parts of Bollinger and Carter Counties. Southeast of there, only 2 to 3 inches fell from Cape Girardeau to Bloomfield. Many schools dismissed early as road conditions deteriorated. Numerous accidents occurred, but no serious injuries were reported. This part of Missouri escaped a more serious snowfall that affected areas further north.

MOZ076-086>087-100-107>112-114

Perry - Bollinger - Cape Girardeau - Wayne - Carter - Ripley - Butler - Stoddard - Scott - Mississippi - New Madrid

06	0400CST 2300CST	0	0				Snow
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A light to moderate snowfall resulted in 9 accidents. Snowfall amounts increased from west to east. Generally 2 to 4 inches fell east of Poplar Bluff, and an inch or less fell from Poplar Bluff west.

Carter County
2 W Elsimore

18	0745CST	0	0				Thunderstorm Wind
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Roofs were blown off and trees were down.

Ripley County
8 WSW Doniphan

18	0745CST	0	0	8K			Thunderstorm Wind
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A few trees were down.

Wayne County
3 ENE Piedmont

18	0750CST	0	1	75K			Thunderstorm Wind
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Two mobile homes and a barn were heavily damaged or destroyed by severe thunderstorm winds. One person sustained minor injuries.

Ripley County
1 E Naylor

18	0750CST	0	0	8K			Thunderstorm Wind
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Two barns were damaged, and power lines were down.

Butler County
10 W Poplar Bluff

18	0820CST	0	0	10K			Thunderstorm Wind
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Thunderstorm winds downed trees and power lines.

Stoddard County
5 SE Dexter

18	0830CST	0	0	8K			Thunderstorm Wind
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Large tree limbs were down on power lines.

New Madrid County
Risco

18	0839CST	0	0	75K			Thunderstorm Wind
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Part of the roof of the Risco elementary school was blown off. School was in session, but nobody was hurt.

New Madrid County
Matthews

18	0845CST	0	0	5K			Thunderstorm Wind
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Power poles were snapped.



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MISSOURI, Southeast

Perry County

8 SE Perryville	18	0904CST			0	0	2K		Thunderstorm Wind
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Two utility poles were snapped by wind

Mississippi County

.5 S East Prairie to 1.5 NE East Prairie	18	0907CST 0911CST	2	50	0	1	750K		Tornado (F1)
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The tornado cut through the eastern edge of the city. Three businesses, including a popcorn factory and a tax service office, were heavily damaged. A welding company was destroyed. Several homes received light to moderate damage, mainly to roofs and windows. Uprooted trees fell on cars and power lines. Residents of the affected area remained without power for 12 to 24 hours. One person sustained minor cuts to her legs when a picture window was blown in. Outside the city limits, a barn was destroyed on Highway 105. This tornado struck the same spot where a young girl was killed by a tornado in the spring of 1981.

Cape Girardeau County

Jackson	18	0914CST			0	0	50K		Thunderstorm Wind
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The Wal-Mart store lost part of its roof. No injuries occurred, and the store remained open.

Scott County

2 NW Sikeston	18	0925CST			0	0	6K		Thunderstorm Wind
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Six utility poles were snapped just north and west of Sikeston